



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: BERNER ET AL.
APPLICATION No.: 10/667,814
FILED: SEPTEMBER 22, 2003
FOR: CATHODE CURRENT CONTROL
SYSTEM FOR A WAFER
ELECTROPLATING APPARATUS

EXAMINER: BRUCE F. BELL
ART UNIT: 1746
CONFIRMATION No: 2144

Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In the Notice of Allowability mailed June 18, 2004, the Examiner allowed claims 11-45. Although the applicant's attorney agrees with the Examiner's conclusion that these claims are allowable, the applicant's attorney notes that the claims may be allowable for reasons other than those identified by the Examiner and does not concede that the Examiner's characterization of the terms of the claims and the prior art are correct.

Respectfully submitted,
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